

**DOCKET NO: 3:18-CV-00464-MOC**

Plaintiff,

**ANDREW M. SAUL,**  
**Commissioner of Social Security,**

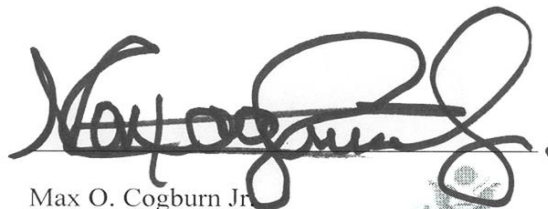
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The attorney's fee award serves as full satisfaction of any and all incurred attorney's fees that are recoverable under the EAJA. Under Astrue v. Ratliff, 130 S. Ct. 2521 (2010), these attorney's fees are payable to Plaintiff as the prevailing party and are subject to offset through the Treasury Department's Offset Program to satisfy any pre-existing debt Plaintiff may owe to the

Government. If, after the entry of this Order, the Commissioner determines that Plaintiff owes no debt to the Government that would subject this award to an offset, the Commissioner may honor Plaintiff's signed assignment of EAJA fees, which provided for payment of fees to Plaintiff's counsel, rather than to Plaintiff. If, however, the Commissioner discovers that Plaintiff owes the Government any debt subject to offset, the Commissioner shall pay any attorney fees remaining after such offset to Plaintiff, rather than to Plaintiff's counsel.

Signed: January 3, 2020



Max O. Cogburn Jr.  
United States District Judge